Remarks:

In the Office Action dated July 13, 2009, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect one of the inventions of Group I (claims 1-27 and 75-81), Group II (claims 28-39 and 82-85), Group III (claims 40 and 86), Group IV (claims 41 and 87), Group V (claims 42 and 88), Group VI (claim 43), Group VII (claim 44), Group VIII (claim 45), Group IX (claims 46-48), Group X (claim 49), Group XI (claims 50-70, 73, 74, and 89), Group XII (claims 71 and 72), or Group XIII (claims 90 and 91) for prosecution on the merits in this application. Pursuant to this requirement, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-28 and 75-81), drawn to a pharmaceutical composition. Claims 14, 29, 30, 32-74, and 82-91 have been withdrawn, however, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications with respect to the non-elected subject matter.
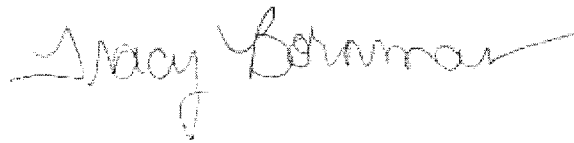
The Examiner also required the Applicant to select one of two species within Group I for consideration in this application. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, species 2 (claims 1-13, 15-27, and 75-81 readable on species 2), directed towards glycine betaine anhydrous.

The Examiner also required the Applicant to select one of five species within Group XI; however, this Group is not elected by applicant. Therefore, this species requirement concerning Group XI is moot in view of the Applicant electing Group I.

Applicant reserves the right to have the non-elected species (claim 14) reconsidered if a generic claim is found to be allowable, as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

     In view of the foregoing, it is believed that no further issues exist with respect to this application, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Any additional fees due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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